Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

DATE: 4 December 1952

SUBJECT: [redacted] Report of Conversation.

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1. On Wednesday, 3 December 1952, the writer discussed with [redacted] the possibilities of his becoming associated with the Artichoke work overseas. [redacted] refused this association. Details follow. C

2. In view of [redacted] previous knowledge of the Artichoke work in general and in view of his exceptional background, the writer talked with [redacted] for some time concerning the problem of interrogation and intelligence before actually getting into the discussion concerning the Artichoke problem. The writer felt that [redacted] should be given the opportunity to study the problems thoroughly before any direct questions were put to him and, because of this, the writer pointed out the ramifications of the work, the experimental nature of the techniques and why [redacted] remarkable talents (linguistic, technical and intelligence) are ideally suited for our work. After this general discussion, the writer advanced the proposition to [redacted] concerning the possibility of association with the Artichoke program as a regular employee. Set out below, in substance, are the answers [redacted] gave to the writer's questions: C

3. [redacted] stated that, under no circumstances, would he accept permanent or full-time employment with this Agency, or any other Agency, except in the event of a national or war-time emergency.

4. He would not take his wife and children to [redacted] He stated that he had stuck his neck out too many times already and he felt that he would be best operating alone and on some specific assignment if the Government actually needed him. F

5. [redacted] stated that at any time, under any circumstances involving a specific case where his services could possibly be of value, he would assist us on a moment's notice. He stated he would be willing to go anywhere in the world and work on any specific case, but long-time employment was not suitable. He pointed out that at the present time he is writing and has just recently sold an article to the [redacted] for which he received $1500.00. He stated that [redacted] and they are making a comfortable living. He stated he had just bought the home in [redacted] and he intends to ultimately move to [redacted] and buy a farm. He stated he expects his citizenship within thirty days and sometime thereafter his wife C

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will obtain hers. He stated that he wanted to make it clear that money was no consideration to work on a full-time basis for us but, in the future, he intended to be his own boss and to work and travel as he saw fit. [redacted] stated that at the present time he is associated with the [redacted] and is constantly engaged in doing work along psycho-neurotic lines, using both hypnosis and drugs to obtain the effects he desires. He stated that in this work he is associated with numerous psychiatrists and has good connections in this field at [redacted] (as mentioned above), and at the [redacted] He stated he knew many psychiatrists who are doing advanced work along Artichoke lines and he would be very glad to assist Artichoke or obtain information for the Artichoke work if that could be arranged.

6. The writer, in view of [redacted] talents and contacts, suggested that perhaps he might be interested in being a covert consultant for the Artichoke work and possibly carrying out experimentation or making observations that would be of interest to us. [redacted] stated that he definitely would enjoy doing this work and he would travel anywhere necessary if he could be of service to us in such matters. It should be noted that the writer did not make an offer to [redacted] but merely asked whether or not he would be interested in this type of association with the Agency.

7. The writer did not attempt to pressure [redacted] in any way and it is the writer's impression that [redacted] was entirely honest and frank with the writer in this discussion. The writer informed [redacted] that he would take up the question of [redacted] being a covert consultant with his superiors and would keep in touch with [redacted] in the future by correspondence.

8. [redacted] at the conclusion of the day's discussion, stated that he regretted that he felt as he did, but that would be his final answer in this matter. He again emphatically stated that if he could be of service at any time, anywhere, on a specific case, he would drop anything he was doing and place his services at the disposal of the Agency.

9. [redacted] residence is at [redacted] and his telephone number is [redacted]

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